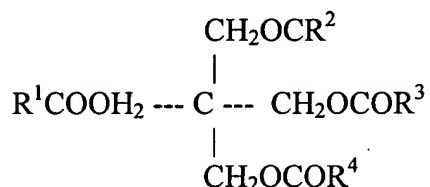


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 3-5 as follows:

1. (Original) A magnetic recording medium, comprising a primer layer containing at least nonmagnetic powder on a support member and at least one layer of magnetic layer containing ferromagnetic powder dispersed in a binder, the magnetic layer being placed on the support member, wherein the primer layer comprises at least one type of compound expressed by the following general formula (1);

General formula (1)



where  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}^3$ , and  $\text{R}^4$  each represents an alkyl group having 2 to 7 carbon atoms.

2. (Original) A magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein thickness of the magnetic layer is within the range of 0.05 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

3. (Currently Amended) A magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein said magnetic recording medium is a disk-type magnetic recording medium.

4. (Currently Amended) A magnetic recording medium according to claim 1, wherein tetraester compound expressed by the general formula (1) is contained in an amount of ~~said magnetic recording medium contains~~ 0.1 to 50 weight parts to 100 weight parts of nonmagnetic powder.

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5. (Currently Amended) A magnetic recording medium according to claim 1,  
wherein tetraester compound expressed by the general formula (1) is contained in an amount of  
~~said magnetic recording medium contains~~ 1 to 25 weight parts to 100 weight parts of  
nonmagnetic powder.

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